GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department - Allegations of irregularities against the Municipal Commissioner and other staff of Khammam Municipality in connection with privatization of the Sanitary works in Khammam Municipality – Departmental action initiated against Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner (now allotted to A.P. State), Khammam Municipality – Article of charge issued – Inquiry conducted – Charge held proved – Imposing a penalty of withholding of "two Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect" - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 277 **Dated: 16-06-2021.**

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No. 166/Rco-WKH/2004-S5, Dated.24.10.2005.
2. G.O.Rt.No.364, MA&UD (Vig.IV) Department, Dated.18.03.2006 of Government of Telangana.
3. WSD of Sri S.Hari Krishna, former Municipal Commissioner, Khammam Municipality, dated: 07.07.2006.
4. G.O.Rt.No.95, MA&UD (Vig.IV) Department, Dated.30.09.2014.
5. From the G.A. (COI-CSR) Dept., D.O.Lr.No.52/ COI-CSR/2014, Dt: 8.1.2016 of Govt. of Telangana.
6. Govt.Memo.No.17727/Vig.I/2004, MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., Govt. of Telangana, dated.14.02.2017.
7. Written representations from S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner, Khammam Municipality, dated.21.11.2017.
8. From the MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad, Letter No.17727/Vig.I/2004, dt.26.02.2020.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, ACB, that certain allegations were leveled against Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner and other officials of Khammam Municipality, regarding irregularities in purchase of 250W S.V. Lamps and in privatization of the Sanitary works in Khammam Municipality. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, ACB, has therefore recommended to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner and other officials of Khammam Municipality.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner (now allotted to A.P. State), Khammam Municipality, duly framing the following article of charge under Rule-20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and directing him to submit his written statement of defence.

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE:

That Sri S.Harikrishna, S/o. Venkateswar Rao joined in Government service on 21.03.1996 and while functioning as Municipal Commissioner, Khammam Municipality, Khammam during the period from 03.06.1999 to 27.09.2001 has committed grave misconduct as he accepted contractor Sri A.Thirupathi Rao who was not having labour contractor licence for supply of labour as contractor for Privatized Sanitation works in the Khammam Municipality and failed to absolute integrity in violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus Sri S.Harikrishna, S/o. Venkateswar Rao by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) and (2) of AP Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1964.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer submitted his written statement of defence and requested to drop further action against him. Having not convinced with the explanation, Government have appointed an Enquiry Officer to inquire into the charge framed against Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner (now allotted to A.P. State), Khammam Municipality vide reference 4th read above.

4. Whereas in the reference 5th read above, the Enquiry Officer submitted enquiry report and held that the charge framed against Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner (now allotted to A.P. State), Khammam Municipality is held proved during the enquiry as the Charged Officer contravened Rule 3 (1) and (2) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

5. Government, after examining the Enquiry Report, decided to agree with the findings of Inquiry Authority. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, a copy of Enquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner (now allotted to A.P. State), Khammam Municipality, to offer his written representation in terms of Rule 21(2) of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991. The Charged Officer, submitted his written representation on the findings of Inquiry Authority duly stating that there is no financial loss to the Municipality and there was no deviation to the A.P. Municipalities Act and requested to drop further action against him, vide reference 7th read above.

6. Whereas in the reference 8th read above, the MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, Government of Telangana has forwarded the relevant file with enclosures and requested the Government of Andhra Pradesh to take further disciplinary action against Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner, Khammam Municipality, as he is allotted to Andhra Pradesh State.

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7. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Authority and written representation of delinquent officer, hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of two Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect" against Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner (now allotted to A.P. State), Khammam Municipality, in terms of Rule-9 of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991, as the charge of violation of Rule 3(1) and (2) of AP Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1964 is held proved in the Inquiry.

8. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

9. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S.Hari Krishna, the then Municipal Commissioner (now allotted to A.P. State), Khammam Municipality - **through** the C&DMA, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Government, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
The APVC, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
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SECTION OFFICER.